

Application No. 10/583,558
Preliminary Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaged beverage, comprising with a green tea extract mixed therein, comprising the following ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins, and

(B) from 0.0001 to 20 wt%, in terms of equivalent glucose amount, and less than 0.05 wt%, in terms of equivalent fructose amount, of a carbohydrate,

wherein:

said the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 6; and

the carbohydrate comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, an oligosaccharide or a conjugated polysaccharide.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~claim 1~~ or ~~2~~claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ beverage is a non-tea-based beverage.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according ~~any one of claims 1-3~~to claim 1, further comprising from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions and from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~claim 1, ~~which has a wherein the pH of is~~ from 2 to 5.

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Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ to claim 1, further comprising (C) oxalic acid or a salt thereof, wherein a content weight ratio of (C) ~~said the~~ oxalic acid or salt thereof to (A) ~~said the~~ non-polymer catechins (A), $[(C)/(A)]$, ~~being is~~ not greater than 0.2.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ green tea extract ~~as a raw material is one~~ obtained by adjusting a concentrate of green tea extract, ~~said the~~ concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that a content weight ratio of oxalic acid or a salt thereof (C) to ~~said the~~ non-polymer catechins (A), $[(C)/(A)]$, becomes not greater than 0.2.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to claim 6, wherein ~~said the~~ content weight ratio $[(C)/(A)]$ of ~~said the~~ oxalic acid or salt thereof (C) to ~~said the~~ non-polymer catechins (A) is not greater than 0.05.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1-8~~ claim 1, ~~which is in such wherein the beverage is in a form that permitting ingestion of~~ at least 300 mg of non-polymer catechins ~~can be ingested per day~~.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1-9~~ claim 1, ~~which is filled wherein the beverage is provided in a clear container~~.